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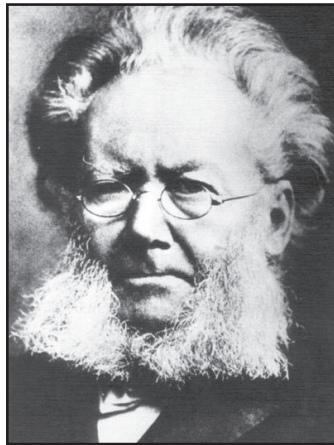
Henrik Ibsen Artistic Interpretations on Display at Central Library Nov. 9 - 20

Program Commemorates 100th Anniversary of Playwright's Death

An internationally traveling exhibit of paintings and prints inspired by the works of playwright Henrik Ibsen will be on display at the Central Library from Nov. 9-20 in the Second Floor Corridor Gallery.

This year marks the 100th year since Ibsen's death. These artistic interpretations by six leading artists in Norway were inspired by Ibsen's most important dramas. The exhibit consists of 21 originals and a portfolio of 16 graphic prints, all of which are for sale. The 16 prints can also be purchased as a portfolio.

Artists whose work will be showcased include Hanne Christiansen, Tore Hansen, Theresa Nort-



Henrik Ibsen

vedt, Thomas Knarvik, Ulf Nilsen and Bjorn Carlsen.

Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906) was born in Norway and is considered by many to be the father of modern drama. Some of his most celebrated plays include "Peer Gynt" (1867), "A Doll's House" (1879) and Hedda Gabler" (1890). His final play was "When We Dead Awaken" (1899). His realistic dramas were scandalous in the Victorian era for their realistic themes.

The exhibit is presented by the Norwegian American Foundation in collaboration with Art Pro AS. Co-hosting the exhibit at the Central Library are the Royal Norwegian Consulate and the House of Norway



A print by artist Hanne Christiansen that was inspired by one of Henrik Ibsen's plays.

of San Diego.

The Central Library's Art, Music & Recreation Section is coordinating the exhibit. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The library is open Monday and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the San Diego Public Library's web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

"Refugee Voices" Program Features Special Events and Video Project

The Library and its partners have launched "Refugee Voices," a program to invite San Diego's Sub-Saharan African population to explore the resources available to them at the Library.

A variety of events will be held at the Central Library, and the Valencia Park/Malcolm X and City Heights/Weingart branch libraries and will include a multicultural festival, essay contest, children's programs, family programs, films, exhibits and panel discussions.

As part of the Refugees Voices Program, the Library, in partnership with the Media Arts Center of San Diego Teen Producers Project, has also launched "Refugee Voices II," which will document and preserve local East African stories.

"Refugee Voices II" is a 15-week after-school video production, education and training program where local San Diego youth will research and produce a 10-15 minute short documentary.

The project meetings take place at MAAC Project's President John Adams Manor, an affordable housing complex located in San Diego's Oak Park neighborhood on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m., beginning Sept. 14 until mid-December.

For information about upcoming Refugee Voices events in November, see the calendar on page 4 or visit www.sandiegolibrary.org.

Libraries Closed for Holidays

All San Diego Public Library locations will be closed on both Friday, Nov. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 11, in observance



of **Veterans' Day**; and Thursday, Nov. 23, for **Thanksgiving Day**. As a convenience for patrons, book drops at all libraries will remain open to return books and other materials.



Author Judy Flynn to Discuss New Book

As part of the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library's Morning Coffee and Annual Meeting, author Judy Flynn will discuss and sign her book "Gumboots, Lesson Plans and Hot Rugby Nights – New Beginnings in New Zealand." The free event will be held Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. For more information, call 858-538-8163.

Learn About Crime in Your Neighborhood

Would you like to find auto theft, burglaries or violent crime rates in your neighborhood? At a special **Crime & Law Enforcement** computer workshop you will learn how you can look up arrest warrants, Ten Most Wanted and predators in your town. Be informed and protect your property and family. The class will be held Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab of the Central Library, 820 E St. Reservations are required. Please call 619-238-6621.

Naming Your Business Workshop

Karl Steins, a registered patent attorney, will speak on "**Naming Your New Business - Important Legal Issues Surrounding the Choice of a Business Name and Persona.**" This workshop will cover trademark basics, factors to consider in creating a business persona, and local, state, national and international filings. The workshop will be held in the Second Floor Meeting Room at the Central Library, 820 E St.

Documentary "Shadya" to be Shown Nov. 1



The Library and Volunteer San Diego will present a Community Cinema's preview screening of the documentary film "**Shadya**" on Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. "Shadya" is the coming-of-age story of a spirited 17-year-old girl as she strives to establish an independent identity. She must balance the demands of her heritage as a Muslim female

with her success as a world karate champion and she must reconcile her identity as a Palestinian who, as an Israeli citizen, represents Israel in international competitions. The film will be shown in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St.

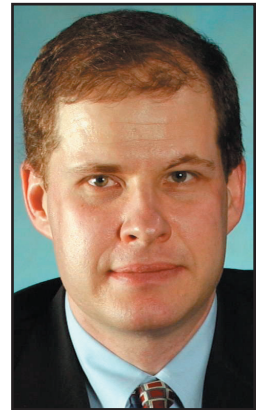
Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events on the Library's Web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

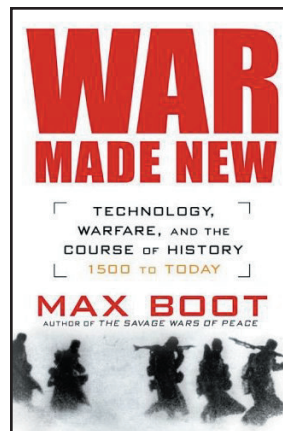
Historian Max Boot to Discuss His New Book "War Made New"

Author and historian Max Boot will discuss and sign his new book, "**War Made New: Technology, Warfare and the Course of History, 1500 to Today**," at the Central Library on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. A part of the "Great American Writers Series," the event is presented by the San Diego Public Library and the City Club of San Diego.



Max Boot

From bronze cannons to smart bombs, "War Made New" is an engaging study that examines the impact of new weaponry on war by spotlighting exemplary battles,



including famous epics like the defeat of the Spanish Armada and the attack on Pearl Harbor along with obscure clashes like the 1898 Battle of Omdurman, in which a British colonial force mowed down Sudanese tribesmen with machine guns.

Boot is a senior fellow for National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also a weekly foreign-affairs columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*, a contributing editor to many other publications. In 2004, he was named by the World Affairs Councils of America one of "the 500 most influential people in the United States in the field of foreign policy."

Boot holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in history from Yale University. He currently lives in New York.

The event is free and required reservations can be made by contacting the City Club at 619-687-3580. Autographed copies of the book will be available for purchase. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

Library Music Concerts to Feature Variety of Styles and Performers

Several musical performances scheduled at City libraries in November will feature a variety of great styles and performers. All programs are free. Upcoming concerts include:

- The final concert of the Library's 2006 Fall Concert Series will be held Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m. and feature cellist **Charles Curtis**. Since 2000, Curtis has been a professor of contemporary music performance at the University of California, San Diego. The free concert will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. For more information, call 619-236-5800.
- A classical music concert, featuring **Inez Irawati** on piano and **Erin Breene** on the cello, will be held Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St. For more information, call 858-581-9934.
- San Diego State University visiting artist and Ghanaian master drummer and dancer **Kwame Degbor** leads a series of exciting community presentations in African traditional drumming and dance one Saturday every month from through June 2007 at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St. All are invited to participate in this in-depth monthly exploration of African rhythm, dance styles, and musical instruments. The next event is Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. For more information, call 619-467-4610.
- **Crew**, a percussion and movement group that dances and drums with everyday objects, will perform Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. at the San Ysidro Branch Library, 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd. Group reservations are required, and will be accepted starting Nov. 7. For more information, call at 619-424-0475.



Kwame Degbor



Sandra Stram of the Courtly Noyse

- The **Courtly Noyse** will sing and play renaissance and medieval music on reproductions of period instruments on Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. The concert is presented by the Friends of the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library. For more information, call the library at 858-538-8163.

"Forever Free" Exhibit and Events Continue in November

The Library is hosting a special traveling exhibit, **"Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation"** through Nov. 14 at the Central Library, 820 E St. In conjunction with the exhibit, the Library is also presenting a number of related free events at the Central Library, including:

• Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

"The Language You Cry In" – A film with a mix of images, instrumental music, song, interviews and narrative that retrace the search for a lost song, its history, and its implications for understanding relationships between aspects of African-American and African culture. Following the film, an open discussion will be facilitated by Sara Johnson, Ph.D., UCSD assistant professor of comparative literature.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S JOURNEY TO EMANCIPATION

• Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

A book discussion of "The Known World," by Edward P. Jones will be facilitated by Camille Forbes, Ph.D., a UCSD assistant professor on 19th-century African American literature and culture.

• Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

A book discussion of "Uncle's Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe will be facilitated by Nicole Tonkovich, Ph.D., a UCSD associate professor of American literature and 19th-century American studies.

• Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Abraham Lincoln reenactor Bill Peck will present the program "Lincoln: Patriot and Emancipator." Lincoln was very loyal to the founding fathers and the Declaration of Independence and believed fully in nationalism. For grades 1-4.

• Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Camille Forbes, Ph.D., will lecture on "Lincoln in the Minds of African Americans and the Symbolism of Lincoln / Lincoln Memorial, Extending into the Civil Rights Era." Forbes is a UCSD assistant professor of 19th-century African American literature and culture.

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"Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" has been organized by the Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif., and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City, in cooperation with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This exhibition was made possible by major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, promoting excellence in the humanities, and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, created by Congress and charged with planning the national celebration of Lincoln's 200th birthday.



A scene from the film "Ndeysaan (The Price of Forgiveness)" showing Nov. 12 at the Central Library.

Refugee Voices Program to Offer Three Events in November

The Library and its partners have launched Refugee Voices, a program to invite San Diego's Sub-Saharan African population to explore the resources available to them at the Library (see page 1 for story).

Upcoming events in November are below. For a complete list of events, visit the Library's web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org. All events are free.

- **Thursday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m.**

The Ancestral Storyteller Alyce Smith Cooper will tell African and African American folktales, legends and original stories. Alyce will be dressed in ancestral costume. At the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800.

- **Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m.**

"Ndeysaan (The Price of Forgiveness)" – This haunting African feature film chronicles the murder of a man by his best friend. It traces the villain's attempts at redemption only finally won in death. "Ndeysaan" can be appreciated simply as a deeply moving, beautifully acted, visually stunning story of love, betrayal and redemption. But it can also be read as an attempt, conscious or unconscious, to reconcile or negotiate traditional and modern sensibilities, a film whose ambiguities are often as fascinating as its certainties. In Lébou with English subtitles. At the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800.

- **Thursday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m.**

The Ghana/West African dance troupe Ho-Asogli will perform. Authentic in its clothing and instruments, the Ho-Asogli experience is a combination of dress, voices, instruments and movement depicting significant traditional musical practices of various ethnic groups of Ghana. At the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.

Film Looks at Rebuilding Rwanda

As part of the Changing Faces Film Series, "**Rwanda: Mother Courage, Thriving Survivors**" will be shown at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave. This film looks at how the women of Rwanda have worked to rebuild the country following the 1994 genocide. The event will be held Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. For information, call 619-641-6100.

Linda Brown Poetry Event to Benefit Library

An evening of poetry readings in memory of the late **Linda A. Brown**, a local poet and library staff member, will be held Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch Library, 5188 Zion Ave. Poets will include Marte Broehm, Seretta Martin, Kim Noriega and Ivy Warwick. Following the readings, there will be a sale of Linda's personal collection of poetry books. Funds from the sale will benefit the branch library. Linda's book, "Journey with Beast" will be on sale. Proceeds will fund a scholarship for the Idyllwild Summer Poetry Workshop. For more information, call 619-533-3970.

Learn About Life in Colonial America

Greg Miller, of Colonial Educators, presents "**Overview of Life in Colonial America**" using costumes and stories to bring to life a child's story in colonial times through the clothing, everyday chores, toys, games and education. The event will be held Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. at the City Heights/Weingart Branch, 3795 Fairmount Ave.; and Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St.

Community Forum on Africa to be Held Nov. 17

A community forum, in conjunction with the 10th annual **Africa Trade and Business Conference**, will be held Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St. There will be presentations on trade and business opportunities, HIV/AIDS research on the continent, NGO partnerships and citizen diplomacy, an resource expo, and 10th anniversary gala reception. The keynote speaker will be U.S. Rep. Diane Watson of Los Angeles. This event is co-sponsored with Water for Children Africa, a nonprofit organization based in San Diego that brings safe, sustainable water to rural African villages. For more information, call 619-467-4610.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

